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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE PARA 3 REF A AND AS FORECAST PARA 1B REF B, GENERAL FOURNAIS PRESENTED HIS NATO INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING TO CMC HILL-NORTON ON JANUARY 11. AMONG SMALL GROUP ALSO PRESENT WERE USMILREP WEINEL AND USNATO DEFAD LEGERE.

2. ALTHOUGH NOT AS DRAMATICALLY IMPRESSIVE AS MR. JOHN HUGHES OF DIA, GENERAL FOURNAIS WAS IN FULL COMMAND OF HIS DIFFICULT AND EXTENSIVE MATERIAL AND CAME ACROSS VERY WELL IN THE APPROXIMATELY 75 MINUTES OF HIS PRESENTATION. CMC AND OTHERS OFFERED MINOR SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

3. IT IS PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THE PRESENTATION IS IN NO WAY A BALANCE BRIEFING, AND CMC WILL DELIVER OPENING CONFIDENTIAL

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AND CLOSING REMARKS TO EMPHASIZE THAT POINT, TO NOTE THAT NATO IS ALSO WORKING ON ITS FORCES, AND TO UNDERLINE THAT IT IS THE TRENDS, REPEAT TRENDS, THAT ARE DISTURBING. US REPS AT BRIEFING DID SUGGEST TO GENERAL FOURNAIS THAT HE CONSIDER INSERTING VERY BRIEF SIMILAR STATEMENTS WHEN COVERING THE TWO OR THREE SLIDES THAT SUMMARIZE INTERNAL SECTIONS -- SUCH AS THE SLIDE SUMMARIZING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE FORCES.

4. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN GENERAL FOURNAIS' TRAVEL PLAN

SUMMARIZED IN PARA 1B, REF B.

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